

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/592,002	COLLINS ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Terminal Disclaimer filed November 18, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-9.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 12 June 0200 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>11-18-2004</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Consider claims 2,6. The nearest prior art as shown in Eriksson and Willard fails to teach a method and apparatus for transmitting broadcast messages to a plurality of receivers in a communications network having multiple paging channels, wherein each of the paging channels is divided into predetermined slot cycles, and each of the slot cycles is divided into time slots, comprising: providing a plurality of page timing signals indicative of each time slot within a first slot cycle and providing a broadcast message timing signal indicative of a single time slot within a second slot cycle; redundantly providing a broadcast page in accordance with the plurality of page timing signals, wherein the broadcast page includes broadcast message timing information; providing the broadcast message in accordance with the broadcast message timing signal; providing the broadcast page on each of the multiple paging channels and providing the broadcast message on each of the multiple paging channels; and transmitting the broadcast page and broadcast message.

Consider claims 3,8. The nearest prior art as shown in Eriksson and Willard fails to teach a method and apparatus for receiving broadcast messages from a transmitter in a communication network having multiple paging channels, wherein each of the multiple paging channels is divided into predetermined slot cycles, and each of the predetermined slot cycles is divided into time slots, the network further including multiple receivers, each of which monitors an assigned paging channel of the multiple paging channels at a first time slot within each predetermined slot cycle, comprising:

providing a broadcast page timing signal indicative of the assigned time slot within each slot cycle; providing a broadcast message timing signal indicative of the first time slot within a second slot cycle; monitoring the assigned paging channel in accordance with the broadcast page timing signal, receiving a broadcast page, and receiving the broadcast message in accordance with the broadcast message timing signal; and decoding the broadcast page and providing the decoded broadcast page to a page receive controller, wherein the page receive controller determines in accordance with a predetermined set of user preferences, whether to receive the broadcast message.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip J. Sobutka whose telephone number is 703-305-4825, after March 2005 the number will change to (571) 272-7887. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on 703-308-7745, the fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

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